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“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”
— L.M. Montgomery,
Anne of Green Gables

October 2018

Children’s Activity Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 1 Computer Learning Month Code a game! Program a robot! Create a piece of digital art! Introduce students to new computer skills and applications this month (and learn a new skill yourself!) | 2 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Thank You, Omu!</i> by Oge Mora and <i>Imagine</i> by Juan Felipe Herrera, illustrated by Lauren Castillo | 3 National Techies Day Today is the day to make sure your school’s or library’s computer techies know that you appreciate them. | 4 Judith St. George’s Birthday Many of Judith’s books are about America’s leaders. Read <i>So You Want to be President?</i> to discover some amusing common traits of our past presidents. | 5 World Teachers’ Day Make a connection with other teachers around the globe over social media or Skype and see where the connection takes you! | 6 National Mad Hatter Day Wear (or make) an unusual hat today in celebration of the recognizable character of Lewis Carroll’s <i>Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland</i> . |
| 7  Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples’ Day . Celebrate the history and contributions of American Indians by choosing one of the “best books” recommended on the American Indians in Children’s Literature blog to share with students. | 8 R. L. Stine’s Birthday Make a display of favorite Goosebumps stories and read-alikes to feed young appetites for creepy tales. | 9 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Hearts Unbroken</i> by Cynthia Leitich Smith | 10 National Bullying Prevention Month Visit the StopBullying website for outstanding resources for teachers and parents to help teach kids how to identify bullying and how to stand up to it safely. | 11 It’s My Party Day Have a party with students today to celebrate anything big, small, unusual, or monumental. It’s your party—you can do what you want to. | 12 National Farmer’s Day Visit a local farm or farmer’s market this week. | 13 National Pizza Month Share <i>Secret Pizza Party</i> by Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri in celebration of everyone’s favorite guilty pleasure.  |
| 14 National Chocolate-Covered Insects Day Explain to students that in some places, chocolate-covered insects are considered treats. Ask students if they would ever try one! | 15 National Apple Month It’s apple harvest season! Try one of these “30 Essential Apple Recipes for Fall” from kitchn.com . | 16 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Contrary Creatures: Unique Animal Opposites</i> by James Weinberg | 17 Black Poetry Day Read a story in verse by 2018–2019 National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature Jacqueline Woodson. | 18 National Chocolate Cupcake Day How do you take your cupcake? With sprinkles or filling? Mini or jumbo? Super rich or light and fluffy? Let your cupcake be your joy today.  | 19 Ed Emberley’s Birthday Make thumbprint doodles and drawings based on Emberley’s popular book series. | 20 Nikki Grimes’ Birthday Listen to Ms. Grimes’ 2017 acceptance speech for the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (now the Children’s Literature Legacy Award). |
| 21 National Reptile Awareness Day They’re the closest living things to dinosaurs, which may or may not be a good thing. Share an excerpt from <i>The Reptile Room</i> by Lemony Snicket. There’s nothing to fear about the Incredibly Deadly Viper in the story. Or is there? | 22 National Cookie Month Enjoy this recipe for “Extremely Epic Cookies,” but be forewarned. The ingredients list is.... EPIC! | 23 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Phoebe and Her Unicorn in Unicorn Theater</i> by Dana Simpson | 24 National Bologna Day <i>“My bologna has a first name. It’s O-S-CA-R...”</i> | 25 World Pasta Day Hold a craft workshop to make creative macaroni crafts . | 26 National Frankenstein Friday It’s not quite Halloween, so today, in celebration of the not-quite-man, not-quite-monster, share a collection of books that defy genre or classification. They’re frankenstein books! | 27 National Make a Difference Day Take inspiration from Pat Zietlow Miller’s <i>Be Kind</i> by making kindness a priority today. Watch the book trailer to hear great kindness ideas from kids.  |
| 28 National Seafood Month Here are some quite adorable ocean animal crafts you can make with young children. Hold the Old Bay! | 29 Nancy Werlin’s Birthday Check out Nancy’s “draft zero” “Graphic Memoir” webcomic to learn more about the road of experiences that inspired many of Nancy’s award-winning novels. | 30 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Penguinaut!</i> by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Emma Yarlett | 31 Halloween Share <i>Samurai Scarecrow: A Very Ninja Halloween</i> by Rubin Pingk for a refreshing take on seasonal tales. | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #4682B4; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> Holiday</div> <div style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> Month/Week/Day/World Celebration | | |

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